

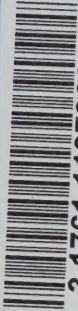
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Subcommittee
on the

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY

of the
Standing Committee
on

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 26, 2004

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Subcommittee on the Protection of Witnesses and Testimony of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:54 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Odina Desrochers, Marlene Jennings, Judy Wasylcia-Leis and John Williams.

Other Members present: Joe Jordan and Alan Tonks.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Brian O'Neal, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to a motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on February 17, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its consideration of matters relating to witnesses respecting the Committee study on Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee Report indicate that the Chair provided the members of the Subcommittee numbered copies of the content of the brown envelope and after discussion the copies were returned to the Clerk.

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee Report include the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee present a Report to the House indicating that the Committee agrees with the President of the Treasury Board that the whistleblowing legislation be applied retroactively to witnesses appearing before this Committee in relation to its study of Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada and that the Report indicate that there be no administrative sanction for anyone below the level of Director General who broke the Financial Administration Act in regard to the sponsorship program provided that they received no benefit whatsoever.
2. That Charles Guité and Pierre Trembay be requested to appear before the Committee in March 2004.
3. That the Committee meeting with the Hon. Alfonso Gagliano be held on March 18, 19 or 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the possibility of continuing with the witness on the next sitting day.

At 12:56 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bernard G. Fournier
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/03/01 5:05 p.m.

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

The Subcommittee on the Protection of Witnesses and Testimony of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 1:08 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Odina Desrochers, Marlene Jennings and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Paul Forseth for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Brian O'Neal, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jeremy LeBlanc, Committee Clerk; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on February 17, 2004, the Subcommittee resumed its consideration of matters relating to witnesses respecting the Committee study on Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Subcommittee discussed matters relating to access to the transcripts of *in camera* meetings held during a previous session.

The Subcommittee agreed to make the following recommendations:

. That the Report to the House recommended by the Subcommittee in its First Report to the Committee include a recommendation that a mediation process be established involving the Public Service Commission and the Public Service Integrity Officer to resolve matters relating to employees who suffered any loss as a consequence of having reported wrongdoing with regard to the sponsorship program. Instances that are judged to have merit should be reported to the House.

That Law Clerk draft a letter to be given to witnesses who appear before the Committee advising them of the Committee's Report to the House respecting the protection of witnesses.

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses, as well as reasonable childcare expenses, be reimbursed to witnesses who appear before the Subcommittee, and that these expenses be charged to the budget of the Committee.

was agreed, - That the Hon. Lucienne Robillard be tentatively scheduled to appear before the Committee at the meeting March 11, 2004.

was agreed, - That Notices and Minutes of Subcommittee meetings with potential witnesses not be published.

2:05 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bernard G. Fournier
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/03/14 1:12 p.m.

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